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ALMA COLLEGE

Lectures. Fr. Wm. Huesman described the Education' Convention he visited in Milwaukee.

Events. The first copy of ALMA STUDIES rolled off the press and was warmly greeted by the staff and community. The California and Oregon Provincials sent congratulatory letters.

The Moral Theology volume exams were given in May this year.

Fifteen theologians donated blood in Los Gatos.

About thirty Salesian theologians visited the community for lunch and dinner on May 16 and drubbed the theologians in softball, 21-3.

Ministeria. Fr. Wall conducted the Theologians' triduum preceeding the renovation of vows.

Fr. Hagemann gave the triduum for the Juniors.

Fr. O'Connor gave a liturgical conference for the U. S. F. community.

Fr. Curran is scheduled to teach a course in the New Testament at the Fordham University summer session. He will also teach at Woodstck College for the fall semester.

Varia. The summer session at Alma begins on July 22. Courses in Hebrew, Liturgy and Rites will be offered.

The Presentation Sisters moved into the old Montezuma School on May 1. The buildings and grounds are undergoing extensive renovations. In late July it will be the novitiate and probably the motherhouse for the Presentation Sisters.

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

Spiritualia. Renovation of vows on May 13 was preceded by a fine triduum given by Fr. Hagemann.

Fr. Brolan gave a weekend retreat to the A. A. at the Cenacle in Sacramento.

Visitors. Fr. Duce was here for interviews with Juniors.

Fr. Newport spoke to the Juniors and Novices on the Apostleship of Prayer.

Fr. Joseph Logan of Sheridan spent two days with us.

Fr. Alphonse Egues of Equador who is destined for teaching in the Juniorate in his province stayed here a week.

Varia. Fr. McGreal suffered a stroke with slight paralysis on May 2. At present he is in O'Connor Hospital where they are trying to bring his blood pressure down and with some success.

Fifteen Juniors gave blood at the Red Cross.

Father Rector's Day on May 8 found many visitors here from the neighboring houses. The Juniors successfully presented "MacBeth" under Fr. O'Toole's direction.

Fr. Ransford and **Bro. Williams** attended the Wine Institute meetings in San Francisco.

Villa Beds. 100 beds for Villa Joseph were graciously given us by Santa Clara University. Our thanks.

Br. O. Ralph Massey pronounced his first vows May 31.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

State Scholarship Commission. Fr. Hauck, as commissioner, attended the Sacramento meeting of the California State Scholarship Commission,

April 26th. Scholarships (640) totaling $300,000 were voted for the year 1957-58. Nineteen student recipients of these scholarships have signified they will attend Santa Clara.

Speech Tournament. Students (400) from 37 Northern California High Schools participated in the Speech Tournament held Apr. 27th. Assisting Mr. E. Bracchi, in the day-long contests were 7 Theologians and 3 Scholastics from Bellarmine. Acting as judges (100) were Alumni, members of Catala and the Toastmaster Clubs of San Jose. The Tournament was held in commemoration of the 100 years of debating at Santa Clara.

Advisory Council. Under the direction of Fr. Gianera, members of the University Advisory Council and their wives were guests of the University at a dinner, May 11th. The gathering was held in appreciation for the services of these 25 business leaders in the public relations and fund-raising work of the University.

Family Day. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, parents of students were welcomed on the campus by the Deans of the various Colleges, May 19th. Mass was celebrated in the Mission Church at 11 a. m. followed by a buffet luncheon in the Mission Gardens. Tours of the campus were made and the resident halls inspected.

President's Day consisting of field events in the morning, followed by luncheon on Ryan Field was held May 8th. The annual Senior vs. Faculty soft-ball game was won by the Faculty 17-14. At the banquet in the Students' Dining Hall that evening Fr. Hauck presented the awards.

Jesuit Alumni Mass under the auspices of local Alumni Chapters, Jesuit Alumni living in the valley together with their wives, participated in the Annual Jesuit Alumni Mass and Breakfast May 5th. Fr. Hauck, celebrant, spoke at the Mass and Prof. Wilhelmsen addressed the group at breakfast.

Competitive Awards. Students of the College of Business Administration won first and second places in the Pacific Regional Competition of the National Cost Accounting Association.

A Senior of the College of Engineering won first prize in competition sponsored by the Southwest Section, American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Participating were University of California, U. C. L. A., Stanford, Cal Tech., U. S. C., Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

In the contest conducted by the Institute of Radio Engineers, a Senior Engineer won second place over students from the following schools: Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon State, Washington State, San Diego State, and Cal Poly.

Annual Pilgrimage. The annual pilgrimage of Faculty and students to the shrine of St. Joseph was held May 6th.

Neo Sacerdotal Exams held on the campus May 11th were presided over by Frs. P. Donohoe, W. Crowley and W. Aldridge.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Meetings. Fr. Martin attended a conference on gifted students held at Occidental College on May 18th. The purpose of this meeting, to which representatives of several southern California institutions of higher learning were invited, was to explore various proposals for adjusting collegiate curricula to meet the interests and abilities of bright students.

Fr. Darrell Finnegan attended the Regional Conference of the California Personnel and Guidance Association at U. S. C.

Lectures and Talks. A panel discussion on Academic Freedom followed by an open forum discussion was held for all the faculties on the evening of May 3 in Pereira Hall. Fr. John Martin was chairman. Jesuit panelists were Fr. Wolf, who spoke on Theology and the Freedom of the Lower Sciences, and Mr. Jonsen, who spoke on The Philosophical Basis for Intellectual Freedom.

Mr. Jonsen gave a lecture entitled Anthropology and the Natural Law to the College Club of St. Alphonsus parish in Montebello.

Fr. Brusher addressed the Christines on Islam and the Crusades and gave a lecture to the Catholic High School teachers on Objectivity in History.

Fr. Kilp was guest speaker at the Loyola University Guild April luncheon.

Father President gave the invocation at the Annual Forest Lawn Writing Awards Banquet. He gave an address at the Graduation of Fr. McIntosh's Labor - Management School. He gave the address of welcome to several hundred high school students gathered on our campus for the Model UN Program sponsored by the Loyola University International Relations Club. He gave the address at the Installation Dinner of the newly-formed Loyola Chapter of Phi Kappa Delta, a national forensic fraternity.

Spiritualia. Fr. Humphreys narrated the services of Holy Week which were broadcast to the Southern California area over Loyola University's radio station KZLU-FM.

Fifteen members of the Sodality under the direction of Mr. Jonsen made the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week on campus with complete participation of liturgy, recollection and spiritual exercises.

Events. Father President presented Miss Anna Desmond with the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal in a ceremony held on May 3 in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Faculty and students were present. Immediately afterwards the ground-breaking ceremony for the new student dormitory took place. Father President announced at this time that the new building will be called Desmond Hall.

Father President served as Chaplain to His Eminence at Mary's Hour.

Father President was guest of honor at the Annual Dinner of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

Visitors. Fr. Edward Rooney stopped here on his way to Japan. He will return to New York by way of Rome.

Varia. Word has been received that our Chemistry Department has been approved by the American Chemical Society.

Patterson Greene, drama critic of the L. A. Examiner, gave the Del Rey Players' production of Henry IV, Part One, a favorable review.

U S F

Gym. Excavation work is well under way for the projected USF gymnasium. A new parking area has also been constructed to substitute for the loss of space when the new Faculty Building is erected.

Play. "The Male Animal" was staged by the College Players for four nights before enthusiastic audiences.

Debate. The Philhistorian Intercollegiate Debating Society presented the annual debate in the Gleeson Library. The subject was "That the College Spirit Burns Dimly in a Great City."

Meeting. Fr. Mulcahy and Fr. Fischer attended a meeting on the U of C campus composed of representatives of Bay Area colleges discussing Mathematics of Business - Its Importance and Content. Fr. Mulcahy also attended a meeting of Administrators of Colleges of Business on the campus of San Jose State College. Fr. Geary acted as a judge in the annual speech contest in foreign language held at S. F. State College. Fr. Menard has been appointed as Chaplain of the newly formed Knights of Columbus council on our campus.

Chapel Dedication. The chapel in Phelan Hall was officially dedicated by Fr. President. The furnishings for the most part were donated by friends in memory of the late Fr. James Lyons. These benefactors were invited to the ceremony and attended a breakfast in the dining room after Mass. Fr. McMahon preached the occasional sermon eulogising Fr. Lyons.

Sick Return. Fr. Raber has returned from the hospital after a four months stay. Fr. Simpson also spent a short time in the hospital with a kidney infection.

Talks. Fr. McMahon gave the

talks for a Day of Recollection for members of the Gentlemen's Sodality. He also gave the talk for the Communion-Breakfast of the Catholic Professional Women. He was also the principal speaker at the Memorial Day services at the Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto.

Communion-Breakfast. The U S F Alumni Association held the annual Communion-Breakfast with Mass in St. Ignatius Church and breakfast in Phelan Hall. Fr. Boss preached at the Mass and the local Italian Consul spoke at the breakfast. In other cities like gatherings were held. Members of the Jesuit Community went to speak at the Mass or breakfast.

The Ladies Sodality held their annual card party in Phelan Hall.

The Jesuit Mothers also held the annual Communion-Breakfast in Phelan Hall.

Law School 100%. The results of the latest Bar Examinations gave USF students a 100% return. Four out of four.

BELLARMINE

Entrance Exam. The number of boys taking the Freshman Entrance Exam was 450 including some boarder applicants from distant places. About 200 of this number will be accepted. While their sons took the exams the numerous parents present were escorted on campus tours by the faculty. A good number of the Boys' fathers were Jesuits' grads from all over the country.

Swimming Pool. Thanks to the planning of Fr. Franklin, an aluminum partition has been placed across the shallow end of the swimming pool in such a way that the length has been reduced from 25 meters to 25 yards, thus making the pool standard size for all meets. Bellarmine swimmers now have a chance to challenge national records in their home pool.

On the Feast of St. Robert Bellarmine Messrs. Liccardo and Sanfilippo chairman and co-chairman of the Building Campaign, were our guests at dinner. Fr. Rector presented perpetual enrollments in the JSA to them and their families because of their outstanding service to the school over the years.

Fr. Conway was operated on for gall bladder on May 18. He is recovering nicely.

The Alumni held their annual dance in the gym with about 300 in attendance.

The Dads-Sons' Day had to be postponed due to rain. It was decided to change the date to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

The Traditional May ceremonies were held in honor of the Blessed Mother on May 24th. Members of the Block B led the students in the living Rosary. Whenever possible during the month of May the Rosary was recited in the classrooms before the noon recess.

Sodality. Fr. Howard spent a few days with the community interviewing the Moderators. Mr. Van Dorn recently compiled a short summary and explanation of the principal Sodality rules for Probationers. Most noticeable inovation is the use of the pronoun "we" in the paraphrasing of each rule.

There is a concerted effort being made to encourage as many student leaders as possible to attend the coming SSCA in San Francisco in July.

Sports. The track team placed second in the All-City and C. A. L. Meets. In the former meet, Bellarmine took varsity firsts in the relay, 100, 220, and 440.

Mr. Tony Pelosi, Santa Clara alumnus, has been added to our faculty to take Mr. Pellino's place as basketball coach.

Events. Two Spring Fashion Shows sponsored by the Bellarmine Mothers' Guild, one at Atherton and the other at Crystal Springs were very well attended and assisted greatly in the increase of the scholarship funds.

BROPHY

Entrance Examinations. 105 boys took the entrance examinations on May 11. This was an increase of

50 over last year. Expected enrollment for next year will be over 125 due to the large increase of people moving into the Phoenix area to work in several new industries.

Open House. May 12 the Brophy Faculty welcomed all the new parents to an inspection of the school. A large number of the incoming freshmen parents and their sons attended. The Brophy Guild served refreshments.

Boys' State. Two Junior boys were selected to attend Boys' State. Father Carlin recently gave a talk to all the boys in the Phoenix area who will attend Boys' State.

Elocution. The Sophomore elocution contest was held on the night of May 7th. Fr. Monaghan did a wonderful job in preparing for the contest. The work was divided among several teachers who coached the boys.

On May 20th, the Knights of Columbus sponsored an eighth grade elocution contest here at Brophy. Eleven eighth grade boys and girls entered. The Knights give a partial scholarship to the winner. Father Brannon was the M. C. for the occasion. Sheila O'Brien from St. Francis Grammar School was the winner.

Communion-Breakfast. On Sunday May 19th the Mothers-Sons Communion breakfast was held. A very large number attended both the breakfast and Mass. Fr. Wondra did an excellent job in organizing this affair. Over 250 mothers and sons went to Communion in a body. Mr. Jack Owens was the M. C. at the Highway Hotel where the breakfast was held.

Fr. Doherty gave a Day of Recollection at Chandler.

Fr. Harrington gave the graduation talk to the Seniors at St. Francis Xavier Hall.

Fr. Brannon gave the eighth grade graduation talk to the graduates of the Osborn School.

Visitors. Fr. Quinn, S. J., from Cleveland, Ohio; Fr. Howard, Fr. Gianera and Fr. Healy.

Credentials. Messrs. Freitas, Brill, Sunderland, Griffin and Smith recently received their temporary teaching credentials.

Accredation. A recent letter from the High School Visitor announced that the school has been granted accreditation.

RYAN PREPARATORY

Ceremonies. The month of May began at the seminary with His Excellency Bishop Willinger, C. Ss. R., ordaining four men to the priesthood in the Ryan chapel on May 3. Two of these were for the diocese and the other two for the Salesian order. His Excellency conferred the diaconate on three other Salesians (from the theologate at Aptos), the subdiaconate on one, and minor orders on twelve more. The seminarians assisted as servers, ushers, and singers at the two and a half hour ceremony. Fr. Brady of the seminary acted as second Master of Ceremonies.

Events. Seminarian's Day, May 7, the annual occasion for boys from all parts of the diocese with an interest in the priesthood to come and tour the seminary, saw an influx of over two hundred visitors to Ryan. Displays, games, and picnic lunch were prepared and managed by the seminarians. About forty boys seriously interested in enrolling next September took aptitude exams, conferred with Fr. William Finnegan, and then were interviewed by the Bishop.

Sierras. The seminary moved en masse to Bass Lake in the Sierras for a four-day vacation beginning on Thursday, May 16 (an extra day's holiday had been granted by Bishop Clinch in gratitude for the boys' services at his consecration). A severe rainstorm, hitting Camp Santa Teresita towards the end of the weekend, could not quench the boys' enthusiasm for boating, fishing, and hiking. Fr. Brady took charge of the trip; the seminarians did their own cooking.

Drama. Harvey, the story of an amiable alcoholic and his imagin-

ary rabbit-friend, was produced for the student body on May 25th by the high school upperclassmen and collegians. Directors were Messrs. Latham and Torrens; in charge of lighting and musical effects was Mr. Roach. This is the first drama of any major proportions that has been presented at Ryan.

Spiritualia. Fr. Fabris received eight of the older seminarians as promoters in the League of the Sacred Heart on May 14 at an evening service in the seminary chapel. He blessed and presented their promoters' crosses and gave them a brief discourse. The fortieth anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima and of our Holy Father's episcopal consecration was marked by a special Sodality program. Several were admitted as lifetime members, and many made or repeated the temporary consecration in a reception ceremony at month's end.

Fr. Joseph Geary was pallbearer at the funeral of Fr. John Curran of the San Francisco archdiocese at Modesto. He had been with Father during his last hours at St. Agnes Hospital, Fresno.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Spiritualia. Reverend Father Rector (Plushkell) addressed the Jesuit Dads and Mothers at their annual Communion breakfast held at Loyola University. About 100 were in attendance, which was considered to be the best they had had in years. Father Rector spoke on the subject, "The training of a Jesuit."

Fr. Gabriel Meneger recently gave a triduum to the Helpers of the Holy Souls.

Father Minister (Domachoski) was the celebrant at the Solemn Nuptial High Mass for his sister. His sister flew out from the Northwest Territory so that Father could be able to perform the marriage ceremony.

A few weeks ago Fr. Conneally stopped on Sunset Blvd. to render assistance to a cyclist whose vehicle had overturned at Bentley Place, on the dangerous curves behind U. C. L. A. A police officer asked him to do what he could for the victim. Two young men were already holding the blinded and severely injured colored man down, to prevent his wandering into the heavy evening traffic. Father and the two men struggled with the injured man for fifteen minutes until a traffic investigation officer arrived, and went over to assist them. Imagine Father's surprise when on looking up, he found that those who had individually come to help were Robert Fokens, L.H.S. '48, Jim Lonergan, L.J.S. '56, and Officer McGillvery, L.H.S. '50.

Mr. McDevitt has taken over the directorship of the sophomore sodality, a post left vacant upon Fr. George Crowley's change of status.

Improvements. Brothers Desjardins and Silveira have finished laying linoleum tiles in all the faculty rooms. The work the Brothers have done has saved the house thousands of dollars.

The 'BEST' lock system has come to Loyola High School. Brother Desjardins is already replacing the old and battered multilock cylinders which have given so much trouble. The 'BEST' cylinders, so admirably suited to rapid change and easy maintenance, will save Brother many weary hours of labor.

Father Gabriel Menager has announced that the contract has been let for a stained glass window to be installed in our chapel. The window, a gift of Mrs. Margaret West, a convert of Father's, will fill the whole section above the main altar. The center piece will depict St. Ignatius offering himself to Our Lady. One of the side panels will show him writing the Exercises, whereas the other panel will show him in glory in heaven. The window will be done, to quote Father, "in traditional Jesuit style". It is expected to be in place in about three months.

The libraries, both Fathers and Students', together with their director Father Pallas, are grateful to Father Leo Remele, O.S.B. Father Leo, who belongs to the Benedictine Abbey at Mount Angel, Portland,

Oregon, was raised in St. Paul's parish in Los Angeles, and is currently studying for his degree in Library Science at U.S.C. In need of 128 hours of work in high school library practice, Father, through the kind offices of Father Marshall of Loyola University, was directed to Loyola High School where, under the sponsorship and directorship of Father Marshall he has been putting in his hours classifying and cataloging our books. This has enabled us to break the terrific backlog of work, and consequently close to 600 volumes have been replaced on our shelves.

A generous benefactress has given us a complete set of the works of famous orators. This set, beautifully bound is from the library of the late United States Senator James A. Phelan.

The Henry Welch Guild has presented Father Rector (Plushkell) with two checks. One was for their scholarship fund, and totaled $1022.-79; the other $1300.00, was for operating expenses. The Community is very grateful to these devoted and loyal supporters of the High School, and assures them of continual prayers.

Events. The National Merit Scholarship Award was won by Ted Foster. This highly prized award is a great honor. There is only one of these given for every 1800 students of the top 5 per cent. Loyola High also had three National Merit Certificate winners. Besides the aforementioned, 8 California State Scholarship awards were won by our students. Each of the latter scholarships is valued at $600.00 a year.

On Saturday, May 4th, 335 hopefuls took the Loyola High School entrance examinations.

Lee Avalone, no stranger to this column, won the state championship of the National Forensic League in impromptu speaking.

At the Archdiocesan Speech Festival held at Loyola University on May 10th, the Loyola High School team won three first place trophies, plus the Grand Sweepstakes Trophy. The latter is the Cardinal McIntyre award, a magnificent piece, several feet high.

The Annual Welfare Drive shot over the hundred per cent mark in the High School. This means that each of the 900 students sold his quota of four books at $5.00 each. The Dads' Club had its own books to sell this year, and the combined results are expected to exceed $30,000.00.

The Loyola High School Glee Club, under its director Mr. Rolfs gave its annual Spring Concert in the Auditorium. It was very well attended, and the performance lasted for about an hour and a half. The numbers were tastefully chosen and the favorite songs of all age groups were sung, to the delight and applause of the audience.

The Loyola Hih School Band, under the baton of its director, Major Hirning, played at the Archdiocesan Music Festival, held at Mt. St. Mary's. The Glee Club also performed for the same audience, among whom were many notable music critics. Although no prizes or awards were given, it presented a splendid opportunity to let others see what our boys can do.

Father Playoust has devised an electronic quiz board for his Latin classes. Slip-in cards state the questions, and even suggest answers. The student called upon goes to the board, and throws a switch closest to the answer he thinks is the correct one. Should he be right, then nothing happens, and he is credited with the answer. If his choice of answer should be wrong, a red light flashes, and is locked in position until released by Father. Although no 'TILT' light is visible, the students are enthusiastic over the machine.

Doctor Francis E. West, Loyola High '24, was recently elected President of the California Medical Association.

Reverend Father Rector (Plushkell) celebrated his name day on the feast of St. Robert Bellarmine. Members of the University faculty,

as well as some Fathers from the Blessed Sacrament Church were our guests at dinner.

On May 16th, Loyola High had a spirited student body election. The officers for the year 1957-1958 are: President Andrew Camacho, Vice-President Ronald Bruno, Secretary Thomas Mathews, Treasurer Charles Amico, and Sgt. at Arms Leonard Crunelle.

Athletics. The Varsity Baseball team, under the coaching of Father Bernard Brannon, won the Catholic League Championship. They ended their season with 18 wins, and 4 losses. The team now goes into the playoffs in the Central Group of the C. I. F. The J. Vs, a snappy bunch of lads who know their baseball, also won their own championship.

Fathers Ben Sargent and John Duggan have chalked up a championship for their B track team, which won the All Catholic Trophy.

MANRESA RETREAT HOUSE

Father Ed Whelan, after a month's stay in Saint Mary's Mission, Ogden, Utah, taking the place of Fr. Louis Kern, returned to Manresa on May 21. **Father Joseph Monterola** has been helping out at Manresa in Father Whelan's absence.

The annual Captains' Dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, June 4th. We expect approximately two hundred Captains for this event. The Captains' Dinner this year will be in honor of Father Joseph Vaughans' Fiftieth Anniversary as a Jesuit.

The Aircraft Group of retreatants coming this next week will occupy fourteen of the twenty new rooms. This will be the last retreat for which the White House will be used. The last six of the twenty rooms will be built where the White House now stands. George Schmal, the contractor for the new rooms, saved us approximately $30,000 when he built the twenty new rooms in 1953-54 and, according to plans, he expects to save more for us in the construction of the present hermitages. When the last six rooms are completed, George will have contributed eight months of planning and work for Manresa. He has not only contributed his time and labor, but has done an exceptionally fine job in persuading others to cut costs wherever possible. He stands high among Manresa's benefactors.

The bronze bell which George Breslin and Sebastian Izuel gave to Manresa some years ago and which was stolen during a retreat has been replaced by a bell which for many years hung in a small church near Colusa, California. It rests on top of a fifteen foot pipe which is bedded in concrete and should be with us a long, long time. The bell is the gift of the Weyand family.

The Fathers at Manresa, especially Father Eugene Toner, have been very busy with outside assignments: lectures, days of recollection and retreats.

EL RETIRO SAN INIGO

Our Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast, held on Low Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral, was the traditional success it has come to be. His Excellency Bishop Hugh Donohoe said the Mass and preached Fathers Giambastiani and Dondero heard confessions. Fathers O'Mara, Rooney and Silva helped in the distribution of Holy Communion. Some 1200 approached the Holy Table and about 750 were seated at breakfast in the St. Francis Hotel.

Mr. Carl F. Ward was installed as President, succeeding Gen. Frederick B. Butler. Messrs. John F. Burns, Henry A. Engler, William A. McCormack, Eugene J. McGowan and Dr. John Scully were appointed to the Board of Directors in lieu of members whose terms had expired.

Bert Dunne proved himself an excellent expediter as toastmaster. The main address was given by Dean Edward Hogan of Hastings Law School, who gave a clear and succinct account of the legal mechanics involved in placing an initiative on the ballot. The singing by

the YMI chanters was excellent.

Immediately after breakfast Father O'Mara enplaned for Phoenix to give a retreat to the Brophy Seniors. Returning, he gave the retreat to 24 Seniors from Riordan High, May 6-9. Incidentally this was the 1600th retreat given at El Retiro since its establishment in 1925. Not a bad record: 1600 retreats in 1664 weeks, in the course of 32 years, all the more remarkable when it is remembered that for many years the Priests of the Sacramento and of the Monterey Fresno diocese made their retreats at El Retiro.

The weekend of April 25 saw two veteran retreatants in attendance; the Rosborough Brothers. Alec, 92 years of age, came from Yreka to make his 32nd retreat, Joseph, 81, his 34th. Joseph has been a retreat captain for many years. He presided at the Sunday night meeting in fine form, but the following Friday sufffered a severe heart attack and is now in a critical condition at Providence Hospital, Oakland.

Another veteran of Santa Clara Retreat Days, Eugene McCoy, a great benefactor both of El Retiro and of Azuza, visited us after an absence of five years, due to illness, and was delighted with the many changes and improvements made in the interim.

On Sunday, May 19th, with simple ceremonies Fr. O'Mara dedicated an out-door statue of Saints Cosmas and Damian, presented to El Retiro by the members of the Pharmacist's group in honor of their patrons. The sculpture is the work of Sigmund Wolf and is located at the junction of Rosary Lane and the Way of the Cross pathway. Father Giambastiani delivered the sermon for the occasion.

The Regional Directors of the League of the Sacred Heart met here on Easter Monday with Fathers Newport and Porter. Present were Fathers Arthur Falvey, Vincent Doherty and Francis Parrish.

Father Z. Maher gave a retreat at Vallombrosa in April and another in May. **Fr. C. Kavanagh** was retreat master at the Cenacle in Sacramento.

Father Giambastiani will preach at the silver jubilee of the ordination of Father Anthony Baffaro in Tacoma in June.

Father Vincent McGinty has asked the prayers of the Community for his mother, who apparently has contracted cancer. He will give two retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House near St. Paul, Minn. during May.

El Retiro was host to the Provincial Congregation the last week of May. Fr. W. Dunne and Fr. Francis Sheerin were elected as delegates to attend the General Congregation. Alternates are Fr. Louis Rudolph, Fr. Ed. Whelan and Fr. J. F. Connolly.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

More Solid Food. First Communion Day on May 19 saw 108 children receive. No traditional First Communion "accidents". The only "no show" did finally show up bashfully during the sermon. Father Roccati said the Mass and gave the children their First Communion.

Non Native Sons. Of the 128 children confirmed recently, Father Doherty informs us: 3 were baptized in Mexico, 2 in Tunisia (No. Africa), 2 in Porto Rico. New Mexico sent us 10, Arizona 9, Colorado 8, Texas 7, Los Angeles 7, Massachussetts 4, Louisiana 4, Kansas 3, New York 2, San Jose 57. The rest came from other parts of California, chiefly southern.

Some Parochial Headaches. For over 50 years, Holy Family has willingly received mass offerings of a dollar, even setting a date and announcing them from the pulpit if the donor so desired. Since the beginning of the year, however, our present policy is still to receive gladly offerings of one dollar for a mass ("to be said by us at our convenience or by some other priest".) We will not assign a date and hour unless we receive 3 dollars. We will not announce a Mass from the pulpit unless we have received five dollars. Mass offerings have continued just as numerous;

precious rectory time is not consumed in cultivating some parishoner's vanity; and valuable pulpit time is used for more essential matters. An outgrowth (unexpected) is that they are being made to realize that they "don't **pay** for the mass."

Swallows in our hair. Late arriving swallows have messed up our church eaves and an occasional parishoner. Swallow repellants are being earnestly sought.

Pigeons on our head. The recent rains brought the pigeon nuisance to a head: clogged drains show up the historical repellant as unsuccessful.

More headaches. The closer to June we get, the more hectic become the evenings in the Rectory. The June marriages almost without exception have been arranged for months before (5 before Lent began.)

After a recent mixed marriage, a new commercial photographer (non-Catholic) when the wedding group began to break up in front of the church steps, brought the bridal party back into the church, opened the altar rail gates, and arranged the group in front of the altar for a marriage photograph. When we discovered all this (just in time), his excuse was that this was the regular procedure in the "other churches".

Fifth Columnists. The petition being circulated to tax the parochial schools has been signed, it has been discovered, by some Catholics pious or otherwise, ignorantly or foolishly.

UTAH

Moved. Our Fathers in Ogden have moved to new quarters in West Ogden. Church, residence, and basement hall are in a new area completely but Mass will be said each Sunday in the old Church "Santa Maria Mission". The new Church is called St. Mary's and the address is Box 1147, Ogden, Utah. The new telephone number is Ogden 4-0883. This is rather important because the new site is quite some distance from the Union Pacific Station, or at least it is not the very short taxi drive to the former residence. If our Fathers know in advance it is not too far for one of them to meet a visitor at the train.

Father Whelan. For the past month Father Edward Whelan has been helping out at Santa Maria during the week, replacing Fr. Kern who underwent surgery, teaching Latin and Spanish at St. Joseph's High School, conducting May devotions, etc. On week ends he has been helping at Brigham City in the absence of Fr. Francis Dunn who is in the east on "Indian affairs". Fr. Kern is well and ready for action on the 20th.

SACRAMENTO

Buildings. Construction of the new Convent got under way in the second week of May, and, already, the finishing touches are taking place on the foundations. This residence will have accomodations for nine Sisters, and eventually more rooms will be added. At the present time there are five Holy Names Sisters teaching in our school.

Xavier Hall. The social hall has been officially named, Xavier Hall, and, even though, a few jobs still remain, the Hall has been used for several Parish functions. During the last part of April we held an Open House to show the Parishioners the results of the volunteer crews who have been so generous in giving up their time during the week and on Saturdays. Several contractors have expressed their amazement regarding the transforming of two Air Force barracks into such a first class building.

Spiritualia. The school children, under the guidance of the Holy Names Sisters, staged an impressive May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady. This ceremony included the living Rosary and was concluded by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A large crowd of the parishioners witnessed this tribute to Mary.

Visitors. We had the pleasure in having Father John Brolan and John Giambastiani preach on two separate occasions to our Parishioners.

Mother Provincial of the Holy Names Sisters visited the Sisters recently, and was more than pleased with the school plant and program.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Lenten Services. Father Novak of Port Townsend (N. Y. Prov.) and former All-American Basketball (Fordham) gave the Wednesday Evening Sermons on the subject of marriage. These talks were well attended, with a number coming from nearby San Jose State.

The Tre Ore was conducted by Father O'Mara, who spoke with unusual eloquence. The Holy Week Services were well attended. The Communions during Lent at the Daily Masses were quite heavy. According to reliable figures, the number of those receiving Communion at the daily Masses, (not Sundays) exceeded that of any Parish in the valley. This is due in great part that besides the Grammar Schol with its 450 pupils, we care for the spiritual needs of Notre Dame High School and its 600 pupils. A great number of these came to daily Communion at St. Mary's. Many also came from near by San Jose State.

Confirmation. On March 25, Bishop Donohoe administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 125 children from St. Mary's School. There were also 20 adults, mostly from San Jose State.

First Communion. On Sunday, April 28, 53 children from the Second Grade, made their first Communion. Fr. Budde said the Mass and gave the occasional sermon.

Improvements. The playground now extends to Fourth Street, and is just about twice as large as the old playground. Complete with Cyclone fence, it gives St. Mary's School much needed space. The old heating system in the Church has been replaced by a modern heating plant which also serves as a cooling system during the hot weather.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Our newly adorned Baptistery, the magnificent gift of Miss Turel in memory of her brother, the late George Louis Turel, was dedicated to its high purpose Sunday, April 28, with the baptism of Barbara Jean Murray. By a fortunate circumstance Miss Turrel, godmother of the infant's aunt, was able to act as proxy for Elizabeth Sperry, godmother of the child. This baptism marks a new era, so to speak, in the long history of our church.

The Baptistery, designed by Paul Ryan and Hans Glass of the firm of Ryan and Lee, conforms to the style of the church, satisfying a need long felt for a font symbolic of the dignity of the sacrament.

The vaulted ceiling, the quiet walls of fabricated stone, the delicate frieze topping the wall, the great sunburst enshrining the Dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are all enriched with highlights of old gold, fading into the delicate buff of the wall. A golden crucifix with a silver corpus occupies the central niche and is flanked by a pair of golden candlesticks. The windows, whose beauty was lost formerly in the drabness of the room, now show to great advantage and give color to all the baptistery.

These windows, memorials to Tacitus Ryland and O'Connor, pioneers of our city and great benefactors of our church, formerly graced the old Notre Dame Chapel, but were moved to our church when the college moved to Belmont.

HSINCHU, TAIWAN

Things are looking up convertwise, building-wise, and otherwise. After three and a half years of tedious negotiations, the Church site has finally been cleared and building will soon begin.

Msgr. Eugene E. Fahy turned over the first spade of earth in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Carmelite Monastery. The Carmel here is a Santa Clara foundation.

The Youth Center plans have

been approved by Rome and the work highly recommended by Father General. Father Louis Dowd hopes to see his plans in the concrete within a few months.

The Propagation of the Faith in Spain donated a 400 liter barrel of Mass wine for the mission.

Father Thornton gave a Holy Week Mission at Father LeSage's expanding parish, St. Peter's.

Mr. Norman Walling, fresh from philosophy (Philippines) is now engaged in the study of a native dialect (Amoy), teaching English and catechism, and gaining weight.

Messrs. Saso and **Deeney** were Masters of Ceremonies during Holy week.

Thre was a total of **157 baptisms** for Easter.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Spiritualia. The Scholastics and brothers renewed their vows on the first of May after a three day triduum given by Fr. Blaes. On the following three nights, the most Rev. Bishop Topel conferred Minor Orders on the third year. His Excellency will also give the annual laymen's retreat this year.

Activities. The choir under the direction of Mr. Tollini sang a High Mass at St. Augustine's attended by the annual Organist convention, and also for the World Sodality Day held at Gonzaga Prep this year.

Sick Bay. Rev. Fr. Rector returned home after a two day stay in Sacred Heart Hospital for a disk operation. Fr. Le Gault was hospitalized for a few days with a recurring heart condition. Mr. Louis Bishop is still in the hospital with a back ailment. Br. Kish, although totally blind, underwent an eye operation to relieve some of the optic pressure.

Varia. The sacristy underwent extensive remodeling as eight new back altars were installed.

The third year took their traditional trip to Grand Coulee Dam.

Visitors. Frs. Royce and Nigro spent a few days here as examiners during the final orals.

Vacations. The scholastics will again go to Lake Pend d'Oreille for minors, and most probably for majors.

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS

Two new boats, a personal gift to Fr. Hubbard from the President of the Shell Lake Boat Co. of Wisconsin, Mr. Russ D. Stouffer, were successfully moved and launched on May 23.

The two "25" h. p. motors were a gift of Mr. William Jonas of Johnson Motors in Waukeegan. They were flown in from Juneau by the Coast Guard for Fr. Hubbard.

The price of the boats with the motors rigged, as they are now, for remote control, would, at the lowest estimate, run over $2150.00 .

Both boats are of fiberglass construction and have front decks of pine and mahogany. The larger of the two has middle and back decking of the same with red and white leather seats and windshield. The smaller one is thirteen feet, while the larger one runs sixteen.

A select crew of neo-regents are preparing the Villa for the 1958 season under the capable direction of Fr. Cullen. It is hoped that several recently purchased buildings from a housing project in San Francisco can be erected in time for the theologians' Villa.

RECENT DEATHS

Fr. Carol Deppermann, Manila, P. I., May 8.

Fr. Leslie X. Russell, Jamaica, B. W. I., May 9.

Br. Otto G. Mayer, Detroit, May 15.

Fr. Joseph R. Crowley, Santa Clara, May 30.

In your charity please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of the father of Fr. McShane and of the mother of Fr. Timothy McDonnell.

This is the last issue of the Province News until September. Associate editors in the various houses will be duly reminded of the deadline.